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1. BULGARIAN RED CROSS FILM FESTIVAL DIRECTOR TOPUZOV TODAY MET WITH EMBASSY P& C OFFICER TO DISCUSS US DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FIFTH FESTIVAL IN JUNE. TOPUZOV MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) FESTIVAL RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TWENTY MOST IMPORTANT TO BE HELD IN 1973; (2) RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FILM PRODUCERS IN PARIS, (3) REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION CONFORM TO COMMON PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALS (4) U. S. DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IS FIRST REFUSAL BY ANY COUNTRY DURING HISTORY OF THE FESTIVAL, (5) U. S. WITHDRAWAL SUGGESTS THAT USG REGARDS FESTIVAL AS BIASED AGAINST U. S. WHICH IS NOT THE CASE AND WILL BE INTERPRETED AS SLUR ON INTEGRITY OF FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS, (6) FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS ARE UNWILLING TO SURRENDER FINAL SELECTION RIGHT AND COMMIT THEMSELVES TO SCREEN WHATEVER FILMS USG SUBMITS.

2. P& C OFFICER CLARIFIED AGAIN THAT USG HAD NO DESIRE TO USURP FINAL SELECTION RIGHT AND WOULD ACCEPT A SELECTION COMMITTEE DECISION NOT TO SHOW OFFICIALLY PROPOSED
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AMERICAN FILMS THEY JUDGED WERE UNSUITABLE BUT THAT USG CANNOT, HOWEVER, ACCEPT WHAT FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS SEEMED TO CONSIDER COROLLARY RIGHT TO SUBSTITUTE AMERICAN FILMS OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES FOR OFFICIAL US ENTRIES THEY MIGHT REJECT.

3. TOPUZOV ASSURED THE P&C OFFICER THAT THE ORGANIZERS DID NOT INSIST ON THAT RIGHT AND THAT HIS LETTER OF JANUARY 27 ASSURED THE EMBASSY THAT SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE. A RE-READING OF DR. TOPUZOV'S LETTER, HOWEVER, REVEALED THAT IT DID NOT CONTAIN THE PROMISED ASSURANCE. TOPUZOV SAID IT WAS MEANT TO AND IF THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC ASSURANCE WAS ALL THAT PREVENTED US PARTICIPATION HE WOULD PROVIDE IT FORTHWITH IN WRITING. THE P&C OFFICER AGREED TO FORWARD THE ASSURANCE TO WASHINGTON WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF REVIVING AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL.

4. FYI: FOR THE FIRST TIME TOPUZOV SAID THAT THE REASON "MAROONED" WAS REJECTED TWO YEARS AGO WAS THAT THE SELECTION COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY FELT IT PRESENTED SOVIET SPACE EFFORTS IN A BAD LIGHT.
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